



# Public Works Board

## Infrastructure Financing & The Endangered Species Act

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Washington's local governments are stepping up to new responsibilities under the Federal Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts. Frequently, the question arises as to how to pay for needed local government improvements to meet the standards of these two Acts.

The Washington State Public Works Board, through the Public Works Trust Fund, may be of assistance in financing projects. Since 1986, the Board has provided low-interest loans for basic infrastructure repair, replacement, or improvement. We can assist you with:

- ◆ Fish passage barrier removal or modification (roadway bridges or culverts)
- ◆ Fish passage barrier modification (drinking water diversion dams)
- ◆ Water quality (sanitary sewage collection and treatment)
- ◆ Water quality (storm water detention, retention, and treatment)

### Eligible Applicants:

Jurisdictions that are eligible for the Public Works Trust Fund include:

- ◆ Counties
- ◆ Cities and Towns
- ◆ Special Purpose Districts (excluding Port and School Districts)

### Threshold Requirements:

- ◆ Counties and Cities must have adopted the local one-quarter of one percent Real Estate Excise Tax authorized by RCW 82.46.010(2).
- ◆ Jurisdictions planning under the Growth Management Act, must be in conformance with

time lines for Comprehensive Plans and Development Regulations; or

- ◆ Jurisdictions not planning under the Growth Management Act, must have a complete Capital Facilities Plan that includes all PWTF-eligible systems that the jurisdictions own. (bridge, road, domestic water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and solid waste/recycling)

### Construction Loan Terms:

- ◆ Ten million dollars is available per jurisdiction per biennium.
- ◆ Interest rates vary based on the amount of local participation - the greater the local share of project costs, the lower the interest rate. Currently, the maximum interest rate is 2%.
- ◆ Loan paybacks are for up to 20 years.

If a jurisdiction has substantial engineering, environmental work, or property/right-of-way acquisition to perform in conjunction with culvert replacement or other Endangered Species Act related work, the Pre-Construction Loan Program should be considered. Interest rates are similar, but currently loan terms are limited to 5 years (may be converted to a 20-year term if funding for construction is secured before second loan payment).

### More Information:

This bulletin, by its brief nature, cannot provide full information needed to apply for Public Works Board programs. Please contact your Client Service Representative (see map on reverse side) for more complete information. Information is also available on our web site at: [www.pwb.wa.gov](http://www.pwb.wa.gov).

# Public Works Board Staff

Board staff are housed in the Department of Community Trade, and Economic Development, in the Local Government Division. Currently there are 11 staff to the Board. The group is separated into two sections - Administration and Client Services. Administration consists of the day-to-day operations of all programs. This includes Budget, Accounting, Contracts, Applications, Workshops, etc.

Client Services is made up of the Executive Director, four Client Service Representatives, and two support staff.

Client Service Representatives are the primary contacts for all matters dealing with both the PWTF, and or the DWSRF. The state is divided into regions, each managed by a Client Service Representative. The Map reflects how the state is divided. For information regarding project financing, environmental reviews and loan conditions, contact one of the Public Works Board Client Service Representatives.

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